

Report Divides City into 24 Basic Communities

Last week the City Council was presented an extensive report on the recreational, park and civic needs of the community with recommendations for development at a cost of approximately \$5,000,000.

In breaking up the city for park and recreational development, Kroeger and Associates have divided the city into neighborhoods and communities.

According to the report, a neighborhood is an area of 2000-4000 people usually served by one elementary school, bounded by main streets in such a way as to form the smallest logical unit for planning purposes.

Area Break-down
A community is an area comprising up to four neighborhoods, or potential neighborhoods, covering about one

Copies of the brochure and maps including designated areas, facilities proposed, costs, and general outline of the project will be available for public viewing at the City Hall, both Torrance newspaper offices, city libraries, board of education recreation dept. and other public places.

square mile (640 acres) and up to 10,000 people. It usually has a small commercial section and is bounded by arteries, geographic features or industrial development to form a compact area.

However, in such a rapidly growing city as Torrance with new streets, freeways, new buildings and zone changes, these two terms cannot be kept entirely separate, according to the report. Some areas, comprising 600-700 acres, may have as few as 600-700 people and cannot now qualify as either a community or a neighborhood.

Recommendations for each community are based on its needs as measured by the total number of people, their concentration and their forecast growth. Existing parks and schools play areas, private facilities and available facilities in adjacent cities and the county have also been considered.

24 Communities
For purposes of the report, the city has been divided into 24 basic communities or potential communities.

Community No. 1 has been designated as the triangular area bounded on the north by Redondo Beach Blvd., on the south by 174th st., on the west by Hawthorne Blvd., and on the east by Crenshaw Blvd. The total area is 300 acres with a population of 4375. Population is heavily concentrated.

The report recommends a five-acre or larger community park in connection with the Evelyn Carr Elementary school. All park facilities would be concentrated in the eastern part of the community but since this has the heaviest population and is almost the geographic center it would not be a disadvantage, so states the report.

Alternatives
Two alternative sites have been recommended — one east of Prairie and the other west of Prairie bounded on the north by Redondo Beach Blvd. They would have the advantage of

Musical Set For Showing At El Camino

Early reservations for the El Camino College musical production of "Wonderful Town" were urged this week, as large blocks of tickets have already been reserved for the six evening showings.

Tickets are now on sale in the campus bookstore, all seats being reserved. Because advance sales have been heavy, a limit of six tickets per order has been established.

The musical, which follows the story of the stage play, "My Sister Eileen", will be shown in the Campus Theater May 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18. Curtain time for all performances is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Tickets must be picked up a day prior to the performance.

Bus Drivers To Compete

Six Torrance school bus drivers will compete for safety honors Saturday, May 4, in the Sixth Annual Southern California School Bus Rodeo at Hollywood Park, Inglewood.

The annual Rodeos are sponsored by the California School Employees association in cooperation with the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, California Highway patrol and representatives of insurance companies and bus manufacturers.

Torrance drivers entered are Albert Berg, 19923 Burin Ave.; Juan Bugarin, 513 E. 220th St.; Clarence Henneman, 618 S. Walnut St., Inglewood; James S. Smith, 21926 S. Vermont; and Alfred Thompson, 2218 Cabrillo.

distributing the park area but would not be centrally located. Community No. 2 has been designated as the area bounded on the north by Redondo Beach Blvd., on the south by 174th st., on the west by Crenshaw Blvd. and on the east by Gramercy Pl. The total area is 370 acres with a population of 5350.

A new 10-acre park is recommended at 166th St. and Arlington, which would adjoin the new Lincoln School and be centrally located. Alternate sites have also been indicated between 170th St. and Gramercy, east of Arlington.

Community No. 3
Community No. 3 is bounded on the north by 174th st., on the south by 190th st., on the west by Hawthorne Blvd., and on the east by Prairie Ave. It also includes a southwest panhandle bounded on the north by 182nd and the Santa Fe railroad on the southwest. The total area is 400

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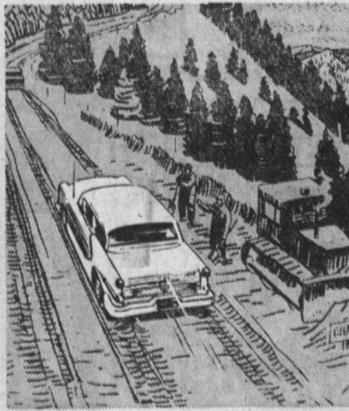
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SCOUT AWARDS

Boy Scout troop 315 and Explorer Post 315 X had their court of honor recently and the boys were presented awards by scoutmaster Bob Cooper.

The tenderfoot badge was presented to Leon Carpenter, Gene Lamada and John Olson. Second-class rank was awarded to Alan Bishop, Larry Miller and Bucky Donaldson received the star award. Many other boys received merit badges.

Gary Rickard, 13, received the Eagle Scout award.

Harold Unander, neighborhood commissioner, presented the troop charter to the new governor of the Moose lodge, Fred Lydy, the sponsoring institution.

Post chairman, Earl Cook, gave group committeemen their registration cards and year pins, ranging from one to five years of service.



EAGLE SCOUT

Gary Rickard, 13, received the Eagle Scout award, the highest rank in scouting, at a recent court of honor April 23. He has completed requirements for 24 merit badges—three more than the minimum for the eagle rank. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rickard, 1577 W. 210th St.—Press Photo.

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